

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Specification

The specification is objected to because of informalities kindly noted by the Examiner. The specification has been amended to attend to those informalities. In so doing, the suggestions for amending the specification kindly offered by the Examiner have been incorporated. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added.

Claims Status

Claims 27 through 35 remain pending in the application. Claims 28, 33, and 34 have been amended even more succinctly to define the invention and/or to improve their form. In this regard, dependent Claims 33 and 34 have been amended to conform more closely with dependent Claims 28 and 29, respectively. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added. Claims 27 and 32 are the only independent claims pending in the application.

Allowed Claims

It is acknowledged with appreciation that Claims 27 through 35 are allowed.

Claim Objection

Claim 28 is objected to because of an informality kindly noted by the Examiner. In response, Claim 28 has been amended to correct its dependency as kindly suggested by the Examiner to overcome this objection.

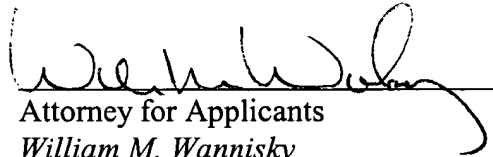
Closing Comments

It is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance.

Favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue are earnestly solicited.

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